**Extension of Corpus Funds Scheme for Petrol Outlets to Backward Classes**

1977. SHRI R. MARGBANDU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Corpus Fund Scheme, now available to SCs/STs for installation of petrol outlets, would be extended to backward classes; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Presently there is no such proposal.

(b) Does not arise.

**Demand and Supply of LPG**

1978. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the demand and supply position of Liquified Petroleum Gas as at the beginning of the Eighth Five Year Plan and the extent of satisfaction, indicating the production and import of additional LPG and reduction in the number of consumers on the waiting list per year; and

(b) what are the planned projects for augmentation of LPG supplies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) The details of LPG production and imports during the years 1992-93 to 1996-97 (8th Plan Period) are as under:

| Year | LPG Production (in TMT) | LPG Imports (in TMT) |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 2572 | 328 |
| 1993-94 | 2699 | 410 |
| 1994-95 | 2858 | 592 |
| 1995-96* | 3253 | 678 |
| 1996-97@ | 3208 | 1195 |

*Provisional
@ Revised OEB Estimates.

The year-wise details of new LPG connections released during the yeas 1992-93 1996-97 and the waiting list as at the beginning of these years are as under:

(Fig in Lakhs)

| Year | New connections released | Waiting list |
|---|---|---|
| 1992-93 | 8.7 | 88 |
| 1993-94 | 13.6 | 101 |
| 1994-95 | 22.9 | 114 |
| 1995-96 | 20.5 | 118 |
| 1996-97 | 20.0 | 136 |

*Target for release of new LPG connections.

The increasing popularity of LPG as a domestic cooking fuel and subsidised price has led to very high demand resulting in increase in waiting list despite releasing new LPG connections every year.

(b) LPG availability from refineries and gas fractionators is expected to increase from 3.253 MMT in 1995-96 to 6.873 by 2001-02.

The above availability from indigenous sources is expected to accrue by commissioning of new sources and augmentation at some of the existing sources. With a view to augument the LPG imports in the country new LPG import facilities at Mangalore and Kandla have been commissioned with a capacity of 600 TMTPA each.

**Gas Grid for Southern States**

1979. DR. MOHAN BABU: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Gas Grid for the Southern States;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time schedule for completion of the project; and

(d) in what manner financing and participation of the Southern States in the Grid is proposed to be included?